

OPINION 1309

GEOEMYDA GRAY, 1834, AND *RHINOCLEMMYS* FITZINGER, 1835 (REPTILIA, TESTUDINES): CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Chemelys* Rafinesque, 1832 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Geoemyda* Gray, 1834 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation, *Testudo spengleri* Gmelin, 1789 (Name Number 2253);
- (b) *Rhinoclemmys* Fitzinger, 1835 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Lindholm, 1929, *Testudo dorsata* Schoepff, 1801, Name Number 752 on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology, (= *Testudo punctularia* Daudin, 1801. Name Number 1906 on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology) both in Opinion 660 published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 20, pp. 187–190. *Rhinoclemmys* Fitzinger, 1835 is hereby given Name Number 2254.

(3) the specific name *spengleri* Gmelin, 1789, as published in the binomen *Testudo spengleri* (specific name of the type species of *Geoemyda* Gray, 1834) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2950.

(4) the generic name *Chemelys* Rafinesque, 1832 as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2159.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N. (S.)2287

An application for the use of plenary powers to conserve the generic names *Geoemyda* Gray, 1834 and *Rhinoclemmys* Fitzinger, 1835 was first received from Professor Hobart Smith (*Department of Environmental, Population and Organismic Biology (DEPOB), University of Colorado, Boulder, U.S.A.*) and Dr Carl H. Ernst (*Department of Biology, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A.*) and Dr Rozella B. Smith (*DEPOB*) on 2 October 1978. After some correspondence, a revised manuscript was sent to the printers on 15 April 1980 and published on 4 December 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 37, pp. 233–239. Public notice of the possible use of plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to six general periodicals and three specialist periodicals. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 June 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)36 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 236–237. At the close of the voting period on 13 September 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—sixteen (16) received in the following order:

Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Schuster, Savage, Heppell, Binder, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Hahn, Kraus, Brinck, Corliss

Negative Votes—none (0).

Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Halvorsen and Ride were on leave of absence. No voting papers were returned by Cogger, Dupuis, Lehtinen and Willink.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Chemelys Rafinesque, 1832. *Atl. J. and Friend of Knowl.*, vol. 1, p. 64

Geoemyda Gray, 1834, *Proc. zool. Soc. London*. 1834, p. 100

Rhinoclemmys Fitzinger, 1835, *Ann. Naturhist. Mus. Wien.*, vol. 1, p. 115

spengleri Gmelin, 1789, in Linnaeus, *Syst. Nat.* ed 13, vol. 1. p. 1043.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P. (84)36 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1309.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

26 October 1984